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In re Application of:)
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Setsuo TOKORO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3661
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For: RUNNING SUPPORT SYSTEM)
FOR VEHICLE)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated March 3, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between between the following allegedly patentably distinct inventions::

Group I - "claims 16-30 and 3215, 39, 11-19, and 40," drawn to a running support system for a vehicle which includes a first objected detecting portion, a second objected detecting portion, and a running support portion, classified in class 701, subclass 301;
or

Group II - claim 31, drawn to a running support system which includes a control portion for performing one of the controls, classified in class 701, subclass 36.

In a telephone conference with the Examiner on March 11, 2009, the Examiner confirmed that Group I included a typographical error, and should properly read "claims 16-30 and 32."

Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute Group I - claims 16-30 and 32.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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